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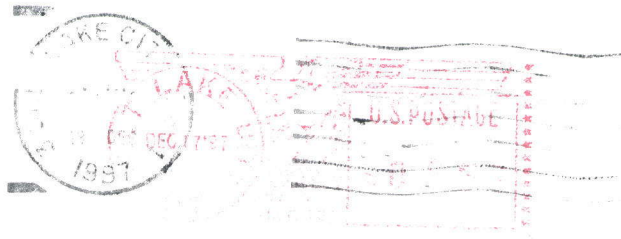


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December 15, 1997

Earl Gross
1478 West 500 North
Vernal, Utah 84078

Re: File Closures, ML44152 Mine, S/047/047, and Golden Rule Mining Company, Golden Rule Mine, S/047/037, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Gross:

This letter is to officially inform you of the Division's intent to close out these two small mining operation files S/047/047 and S/047/037. File S/047/047 is for your ML44152 Mine located in the SW/4 NW/4 NW/4 section 15, T16S, R22E. File S/047/037 is for your Golden Rule Mine located in the NE/4 SW/4 NW/4 section 15, T16S, R22E. The Division will close out these files and archive the contents unless we receive written notification from you within fifteen days of the date of this letter. After this file closure takes effect, you or any other interested party must submit a new notice of intention to the Division for review prior to beginning any new mining operations at the site. Attached is a copy of the Division's justification for file closure.

I apologize for the lengthy time lapse since my onsite meeting with Dan Gross and the actual closure of the files. Thank you for your cooperation and patience in this regard.

Sincerely,

Anthony A. Gallegos
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Attachments: justification for file closure S/047/047, and S/047/037

cc: John Blake, SITLA w/justification for file closure S/047/047 (ML44152)

Dale Slaugh, landowner (re S/047/037)

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PROPOSED CLOSURE OF DOGM FILE
December 9, 1997

FILE NO.: S/047/037 MINE NAME: Golden Rule Mine
OPERATOR: Earl Gross, Golden Rule Mining Company, 1438 West 500 North, Vernal, Utah
84078, phone (801) 789-7644
LOCATION: S/2 NW/4 section 15, T16S, R22E, SLBM, Uintah County
SURFACE OWNERSHIP: private - Dale Slaugh (patented ground)
MINERAL OWNERSHIP: private - Dale Slaugh (patented ground)
DATE OF LAST DOGM INSPECTION: 4/4/95

JUSTIFICATION FOR FILE CLOSURE S/047/037

This project site had been previously impacted by a sand and gravel operation prior to the initiation of operations by Earl Gross. The disturbances are located on privately owned land. A lease agreement existed between Earl Gross and the land owner, Dale Slaugh. The site was mined after Earl Gross by a sublease agreement with Frank Dvorak of A to Z Precious Metals. The site was inspected in the company of Dan Gross, son of Earl Gross, and Frank Dvorak on April 4, 1995. Due to the previous impacts to the site from the sand and gravel operations and the impacts to the site by additional mining after Earl Gross' operations, it was not reasonable to require Earl Gross to reclaim the site to a pre-mining state.

Disturbances which are currently remaining at the site include a wood and earthen ramp, several shallow excavations, and several piles of sorted materials. The excavations and piles do not appear to pose significant safety hazards to the public. The disturbances are visible from the river. According to Dan Gross the private land owner has released the lessee from further reclamation obligations. The operator has no further desire to conduct operations at this site.

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF DOGM FILE
December 3, 1997

FILE NO.: S/047/047 MINE NAME: Placer Gold ML44152
OPERATOR: Earl Gross, Golden Rule Mining Company, 1438 West 500 North, Vernal, Utah
84078, phone (801) 789-7644
LOCATION: SW/4 NW/4 NW/4 section 15, T16S, R22E, SLBM, Uintah County
SURFACE OWNERSHIP: State lands
MINERAL OWNERSHIP: State lands
DATE OF LAST DOGM INSPECTION: 4/4/95

JUSTIFICATION FOR FILE CLOSURE S/047/047

The site was inspected in the company of Dan Gross, son of Earl Gross, on April 4, 1995. State Lands canceled the mineral lease in November 1990. Current disturbances at the site include an earthen ramp with some pieces of trommel equipment, a red and white semi trailer, several power poles, transformers on one power pole. The operator has no further desire to conduct operations at this site. The operator has requested that this file be closed.

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